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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A laundry device comprising:

a body;

a drum provided in the body, thereon a circumferential surface a plurality of holes

having each diameter of less than lmm being formed; and

a motor driven for rotating the drum at high speed of at least and more 2000RPM.

2. (Withdrawn) The laundry device as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one and more

holes having each diameter of more than 1mm are further formed on a circumferential

surface of the drum.

3. (Withdrawn) The laundry device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the number of holes

having each diameter of more than 1mm is smaller than the number of holes having each

diameter of less than 1mm.

4. (Withdrawn) The laundry device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the drum is installed

more inclined downward coming along from a front surface to a rear surface, and at least

one and more holes having each diameter of more than 1mm may be formed on a front

circumferential surface.

5. (Withdrawn) The laundry device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the drum is installed

thereof an opening for introduction of laundry facing an upper part and on an upper

circumferential surface at least one and more holes having each diameter of more than

1mm are formed.

6. (Withdrawn) The laundry device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the motor is driven for

rotating the drum at high speed of 3000~4000RPM.

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7. (Withdrawn) The laundry device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a steam supply part in the body for spraying high temperature steam into the drum.

- 8. (*Withdrawn*) The laundry device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a detergent supply part in the body for spraying fluid detergent in spray state into the drum.
- 9. (Withdrawn) The laundry device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a washing water spray part in the body for spraying washing water into the drum.
- 10. (*Currently Amended*) A method for operating a laundry device comprising: generating steam from water;

supplying the steam to an inside of a drum where the laundry is introduced for washing laundry without washing water, wherein the steam is supplied to soak the laundry and contaminants of the laundry without supplying washing water in a liquid form;

stopping the steam supply after a predetermined period of time; and rotating the drum at a high speed more than 2000 RPM to separate centrifugally the contaminants soaked with the steam from the laundry after the stopping steam supply.

- 11. (*Currently Amended*) The method for operating a laundry device as claimed in 10, wherein [[the]] <u>a</u> temperature of the supplied steam is higher than a <u>laundry sterilizing</u> temperature at which the <u>laundry</u> is sterilized.
- 12. (*Previously Presented*) The method for operating a laundry device as claimed in 10, wherein the predetermined period of time is the time when the laundry is soaked fully.
- 13. (*Previously Presented*) The method for operating a laundry device as claimed in 10, wherein the rotation speed is 2000~4000RPM.

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14. (Currently Amended) The method for operating a laundry device as claimed in 10,

further comprising rotating the drum alternately at a lower speed than the rotation speed

for separation separating contaminants to discharge steam in the drum.

15. (Previously Presented) The method for operating a laundry device as claimed in 14,

wherein the speed for discharging steam is lower than 100RPM.

16. (Previously Presented) The method for operating a laundry device as claimed in 14,

wherein the time for rotating the drum for discharging steam is shorter than the time for

rotating the drum for separating contaminants.

17-18. (*Canceled*)

19. (Currently Amended) The method for operating a laundry device as claimed in 10,

further comprising spraying fluid detergent to the laundry before supplying the steam

supplying.

20. (Previously Presented) The method for operating a laundry device as claimed in 19,

wherein the detergent supplied is concentrated detergent in fluid spray state.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The operating method of a laundry device as claimed in 10,

wherein during the steam supplying the drum is rotated at a speed less than 100RPM.

23. (Withdrawn) A method for operating a laundry device comprising:

a (h) step for performing a washing cycle for a predetermined period of time;

a (i) step for performing at least one and more rising cycle when the (h) step is

completed;

a (j) step for performing a final spinning cycle by rotating a drum at high speed

when the (i) step is completed; and

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a (k) step for performing a dry cycle by rotating the drum at higher speed than the

speed in the final spinning cycle when the final spinning cycle is completed.

24. (Withdrawn) The method for operating a laundry device as claimed in 23, wherein the

speed of the drum rotation in the (j) step is set up between 600RPM and 2000RPM.

25. (Withdrawn) The method for operating a laundry device as claimed in 23 wherein the speed of

the drum rotation in the (k) step is set up between 3000 RPM and 4000 RPM.

26. (Withdrawn) The method for operating a laundry device as claimed in 23, further comprising a

(l) step for supplying steam to the dried laundry in the drum when the (k) step is completed.

27. (Withdrawn) The method for operating a laundry device as claimed in 26, wherein the

temperature of the steam supplied in the (1) step is higher than a temperature at which the

laundry may be sterilized.

28. (Withdrawn) The operating method of a laundry device as claimed in 26, wherein the (1)

step is performed for a predetermined period of time enough to refresh the laundry in the

drum.

29-31. (*Canceled*)

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